WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of distributing multimedia data to remote clients, comprising:

receiving a request for data from a client;

transmitting an applet to the client, said applet being transmitted in compressed form;

launching the applet on the client;

receiving client-specific parameters from the applet on the client; and

sending multimedia data to the client according to the client-specific paramters.

2. The method of distributing multimedia data according to Claim 1, wherein said client-specific parameters include processing capabilities of the client.

3. The method of distributing multimedia data according to Claim 2, wherein said sending multimedia data is at a rate compatible with the processing capabilities of the client.

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